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Jerry D. Russell March 7, 1948 Sept. 1, 2001

PORTLAND Jerry D. Russell, 53, of Portland died Saturday afternoon at his residence following an extended illness.

He was a heavy equipment operator for International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 103 in Fort Wayne, where he had been employed for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie J. (Cash) Russell of Portland; his mother, Mary R. Russell of Berne; three daughters, Holly E. Stiggleman of Richmond, Megan M. Russell of Bloomington and Lexi A. Russell of Muncie; one brother, Andy J. Russell of Bedford; and one sister, Carolyn Sue Bruner of Bluffton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Pennville IOOF Cemetery in Pennville. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the church.

The Portland Masonic Lodge will conduct a Masonic memorial service at 6:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jay County Cancer Support Group, the Mercer County Hospice or the Asbury United Methodist Church Memorial fund.

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